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JCS - GENERAL BROWN (DRAFT)

NSC - MR. ARMACOST (SUBSTANCE)

S/S:SGOLDSMITH

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WHITE HOUSE FOR Z.BRZEZINSKI ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA, KS, US

SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH ROKG ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL

1. THE PRESIDENT HAS DECIDED TO SEND JCS CHAIRMAN GENERAL BROWN AND UNDER SECRETARY HABIB TO SEOUL TO BEGIN FORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH PRESIDENT PARK ON U.S. GROUND FORCE WITHDRAWAL. IF CONVENIENT FOR PRESIDENT PARK, GENERAL BROWN AND UNDER SECRETARY HABIB ARE PREPARED TO DEPART WASHINGTON MAY 23, ARRIVING SEOUL EVENING OF MAY 24 FOR MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT PARK AND OTHER SENIOR ROKG OFFICIALS ON MAY 25-26. AT THIS POINT THEY WOULD PLAN

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TO DEPART SEOUL ON MAY 27 AFTER ANY FINAL MEETINGS THAT DAY AND PROCEED TO JAPAN FOR MEETINGS THERE.

2. GENERAL BROWN AND UNDER SECRETARY HABIB WILL BE PREPARED TO OUTLINE TO PRESIDENT PARK THE PRESIDENT'S THINKING ON GROUND FORCE WITHDRAWAL WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW THESE FORCES. OUR PURPOSE

IS TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF FULL, OPEN CONSULTATION WITH
ROKG AS PRESIDENT HAS PROMISED.

3. CONSEQUENTLY, WE WISH TO AFFORD PRESIDENT PARK FULLEST
OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY HIS PERSONAL VIEWS THROUGH THESE
EMISSARIES WITH REGARD TO MODALITIES OF GROUND FORCE
WITHDRAWAL AND THE OTHER ATTENDANT POLITICAL AND SECURITY
ISSUES. UPON THEIR RETURN THE EMISSARIES WILL REPORT
PRESIDENT PARK'S VIEWS TO THE PRESIDENT SO THAT ROKG
POSITION WILL BE FULLY ASSESSED IN OUR OWN DELIBERATIONS.

4. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY APPROACH BLUE HOUSE ON
HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS TO CONVEY PRESIDENT'S WISH
TO SEND GENERAL BROWN AND UNDER SECRETARY HABIB AS
HIS EMISSARIES ON DATES MENTIONED PARA ONE. YOU SHOULD
DRAW ON PARAS 2 AND 3 IN DESCRIBING PURPOSE OF VISIT,
AND EXPRESS HOPE FOR EARLY CONFIRMATION OF DATES WE
PROPOSED OR ALTERNATIVE DATES IF MORE CONVENIENT FOR
PRESIDENT PARK. UPON ROKG CONFIRMATION OF DATES, YOU
MAY TELL BLUE HOUSE THAT WE WILL BE BACK QUICKLY TO
DISCUSS SCHEDULE AND COORDINATED PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.

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